closed by the guard-rail as above provided, a ballot clerk shall give him one and only one ballot; before handing the ballot to the voter the ballot clerk shall place his own initials immediately beneath the fac-simile signature, and so that the same will plainly appear when the ballot shall have been folded as required by the next section; besides the election officers not more than four voters in excess of the number of voting shelves or compartments provided, shall be allowed in said enclosed space at one time.

155. On receipt of his ballot the voter shall forthwith and

without leaving the enclosed space, retire alone to one of the voting shelves or compartments, and shall prepare his ballot by making in the appropriate margin or place a cross (X) opposite the name or emblem of a party as a vote for all the group of candidates of that party whose names shall not have been erased, or opposite Shall pre- the name of the candidate of his choice for each office to be filled, or by filling in the name of the candidate of his choice in the blank space provided therefor, and marking a cross (X) opposite thereto, and in case of a question submitted to the vote of the people, by making in the appropriate margin or place a cross (X) against the answer which he desires to give; in marking such a ballot any voter shall be at liberty to use or copy any unofficial sample ballot which he may choose to mark, or to have had marked in advance of entering the polling-place or booth, to assist him in marking the official ballot, but no voter shall be at liberty to use or bring into the polling-place any unofficial sample ballot, printed upon paper, the color and quality now required to be used for the printing of ballots under this article; before leaving the voting shelf or compartment the voter shall fold his ballot without displaying the cross-marks thereon, in the same way it was folded when received by him, and so that the initials of the ballot clerk shall appear, and he shall keep the same so folded until he has voted, he shall vote in the manner provided in this article before leaving the enclosed space, and shall hand his ballot to the judge of election with the official endorsement uppermost, he shall mark and deposit his ballot without undue delay, and shall quit said enclosed space as soon as he has voted; no voter shall be allowed to occupy a voting shelf or compartment already occupied by another, nor to occupy a voting shelf or compartment for more than five minutes, in case of all such shelves or com-Not to oc-partments are in use, and other voters are waiting to occupy the same; no voter waiting his turn or other person shall overlook or converse with any other voter while he is engaged in the said compartment or voting shelf; no voter not being one of said election officers, whose name has been checked on the registry by the judges shall be allowed to re-enter said enclosed space during

said election; it shall be the duty of the judges of election to secure the observance of the provisions of this section and of

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